Vexations of it! Had I been thief-stolen,
As my two brothers., happy! but most miserable Is the desire that's glorious [2]:
Blessed be those, How mean soe'er, that have their honest wills, Which seasons comfort[3].—Who may this be ? Fye *I*

"her separation from her husband Is the completion of her distress. So, in King Lear :

" This would have seem'd a period
" To such as love not sorrow; but another,
" To amplify too much, would make much more^,
st And *top extremity"* Again, in Coriolanus :

»----the spire and *top* of praise."

Again, more appositely, in Troilus and Cressida :

" Make Cressid's name the very *cro:un* of falsehood." Again, in The Winter's Tale :

cc The *crown* and comfort of my life, your favour,
" I do give lost/' MALONE.

[2] —but most miserable
Is the desire that's glorious :] Her husband, she says,, proves fier supreme grief. She had been happy had she been stolen as her brothers were, but now she is miserable, as all those are who have a sense of worth and honour superior to the vulgar, which occasions them infinite vexations from the envious and worthless part of mankind. Had she not so refined a taste as to be content only with the superior merit of Posthumus, but could have taken up with Cloten, she might have escaped these persecutions. This elegance of taste, which always discovers an excellence and chooses it, she calls with .great sublimity of expression, " The desire that's glorious ; " which the Oxford editor not understand^ ing, alters to—" The *degree* that's glorious." WARBURTON.

3 — Blessed be those,
How mean soe'er, that have their honest wills-,
Which seasons comfort.] The last words are equivocal; but the meaning is this: who are beholden only to the seasons for their support and nourishment; so that, if those be kindly, such liave no more to care for, or desire. WARBURTON.

I am willing to comply with any meaning that can be extorted from the present text, rather than change it, yet will propose^ tut with great diffidence, a slight alteration :

«----__ Bless'd be those,
" How mean soe'er, that have their honest wills,
** *With reason's* comfort ."